वृद्धि दर में सुधारों की आरम्भिक अवस्थाओं में बहुत कम अवधि के लिए धीमापन आ सकता है किन्तु उनसे मध्यम काल में पर्याप्त उच्चतर तथा विस्तृत वृद्धि होने की संभावना है, अतः रोजगार वृद्धि पर प्रभाव सकारात्मक होगा ।

सरकार भावी आर्थिक सुधारों के किन्हीं सम्भावित प्रतिकूल परिणामों से अवगत है तथा इसलिए उसने सुधारों की सामाजिक लागतों को न्यूनतम करने की सचेष्ट नीति अपनाई है । समग्र आर्थिक संशोधन के माध्यम से प्राप्त युक्तिचालन का अनुसरण करते हुए 1993–94 के दौरान सामाजिक क्षेत्रों के लिए आवंटनों तथा गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रमों में महत्वपूर्ण वृद्धि की गई । 1994–95 के बजट में सामाजिक क्षेत्रों, ग्रामीण विकास तथा गरीबी विरोधी कार्यक्रमों के लिए उच्चतर आवंटनों की इस प्रक्रिया को आगे ले जाया गया है । 1991 से मुद्रास्फीति की दर को कम करने में सरकार की सफलता गरीबों के लिए लाभप्रद हो सकती हैं । आर्थिक सुधारों का मूल उद्देश्य आय तथा उत्पादक रोजगार में तीव्र वृद्धि के माध्यम से लोगों के जीवन स्तर में तीव्र तथा सतत सुधार करना तथा 1991 की अभूतपूर्व संकट स्थिति के पश्चात् आर्थिक वृद्धि के संवेग को पुनः स्थापित करना है । गरीबी तथा बरोजगारी अल्प रोजगारी के तीव्र उपशमन के लिए अत्यधिक एवं गहन श्रम वृद्धि अनिवार्य है । सरकार द्वारा आरम्भ किए गए संरचनात्मक समायोजन तथा आर्थिक सुधार उत्पादकता, दक्षता, संसाधनों तथा प्रतियोगी बाजार प्रवृत्तियों की विधा की पूर्ण उपयोगिता प्राप्त करने हेतु है ।

Funds earmarked for PDS during Eighth Five Year Plan

*207. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds provided by Government for the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the Eighth Five Year Plan are inadequate to meet the growing needs;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) the allocations made to different States under PDS; and

(d) the year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Funds for various sectoral programmes including the Public Distribution System (PDS) are allocated taking into account the inter-se requirements of all the programmes and the overall availability of resources. The Plan Schemes under the Public Distribution System are meant to supplement the efforts made by the State Governments and U.T. Administrations who are responsible for all operational aspects of the PDS. A statement showing the actual expenditure during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 as well as the approved outlays for the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 is at statement-I. (see below)

Financial assistance to States/UTs is provided based on the proposals received from them as also taking into account the requirements of all the States/UTs. Funds sanctioned under the Schemes to States/UTs during 1992-93 and 1993-94 are given in statement-II and III.

Statement I

Eighth Five Year Plan Allocations

(Rs. in crores)

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96**	1996-97**	Total
Public Distribution System						
(a) Assistance for construction of godowns .	7.96*	4.82*	5.55	1.00	1.00	20.33
(b) Assistance for mobile vans	5.96*	5.97*	6.60	3.00	3.00	24.53
(c) Scheme for Intelligence, Enforcement and Manpower Training .	0.19*	0.20*	0.20	0.20	0.20	00.99
TOTAL . .	14.11	10.99	12.35	4.20	4.40	45.85

*Actual expenditure

**Approved outlay subject to revision.

Statement II

Funds sanctioned for plan Schemes under Public Distribution System to States/UTs during 1992-93

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	States/UTs.	Purchase of Vans	Construction of godowns	Training Schemes
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	60.00	..	0.38
2	Arunachal Pradesh	..	4.00	..
3	Bihar	40.00	48.00	..
4	Gujarat	..	..	0.50
5	Haryana	40.00	..	0.22
6	Jammu & Kashmir	40.00	..	..
7	Karnataka	48.00	132.00	..
8	Kerala	60.00	..	..
9	Madhya Pradesh	..	98.04	0.46
10	Maharashtra	60.00	77.50	0.30

1	2	3	4	5
11	Meghalaya	12.00	..	..
12	Mizoram	32.00	61.35	..
13	Nagaland	24.00	25.00	..
14	Orissa	60.00	208.00	..
15	Sikkim	..	5.00	..
16	Tamil Nadu	32.00	..	0.57
17	Tripura	4.00	30.00	..
18	Uttar Pradesh	..	..	0.30
19	West Bengal	72.00	96.46	0.63
20	A & N Islands	12.00	10.00	..
	TOTAL	596.00	795.35	3.36

Statement-III

Funds sanctioned for Plan Schemes under Public Distribution System to States/Union Territories during 1993-94.

(Amount in lakhs Rs.)

		Purchase of Vans	Construction of Godowns	Training Schemes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	..	..	0.30
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	20.00	23.70	0.25
3.	Assam	..	..	0.31
4.	Bihar	..	35.04	0.45
5.	Goa	..	..	0.25
6.	Gujarat	..	64.64	0.15
7.	Haryana	..	..	..
8.	Himachal Pradesh	48.00	..	..
9.	J & K	..	82.45	0.15
10.	Karnataka	..	..	0.20
11.	Kerala	..	41.50	0.45
12.	Madhya Pradesh	80.00	98.04	..
13.	Maharashtra	60.00	19.98	0.29
14.	Manipur	24.00	18.00	..

1	2	3	4	5
15.	Meghalaya	..	..	0.10
16.	Mizoram	..	22.20	..
17.	Nagaland	..	..	0.15
18.	Orissa	40.00	..	..
19.	Rajasthan	140.00	20.70	..
20.	Sikkim	16.00	55.75	..
21.	Tamil Nadu	32.00	..	0.35
22.	Tripura	9.00	..	..
23.	Uttar Pradesh	100.00	..	1.23
24.	West Bengal	28.00	..	0.60
	TOTAL	597.00	482.00	5.23

Setting up of free port

*208. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have once again decided to set up a free port in consonance with Government's policy for liberalising economy; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposed free port and where it is to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Recommendations of the Advisory Committee constituted to consider the question of establishing a Free Port in the country are being examined.

Export of Meat

*209. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 301 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th April, 1994 and state:

(a) the approximate quantity of meat to be exported and value thereof in the year 1994-95;

(b) the quantity and value of beef and pork, respectively exported during 1992-93 and projected for 1994-95 and the regions in India from where the export is made; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to ban the export of meat in general and beef and pork in particular?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) No specific target for export of meat has been fixed by Government for 1994-95. As per the Export Import Policy export of beef is prohibited.

During 1992-93, the export of swine meat was 469 MTs valued at Rs. 1.34 crores. Region wise data is not maintained.

Export of meat of sheep and goat is allowed subject to quantitative